GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:553
ANSWERED ON:28.02.2000
NEW TELEPHONE SCHEME
AVSM, BRIG.(RETD.) KAMAKHYA PRASAD SINGH DEO;SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new telephone connections provided since the new telephone connection scheme for Rs. 1500/- was introduced in Delhi till date;

(b) whether such a scheme of getting a telephone connection has been introduced in other States of the country as well;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether all the new telephone connections are being energised simultaneously;

(e) whether after installation of such connections some extra amount is being charged in the first telephone bill;

(f) if so, the reason therefor; (g) whether the subscribers are facing lot of inconveniences as a result thereof; (h) if so, whether the Government propose to reconsider the set scheme; and (i) if so, the details thereof? ****

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Sir, nearly 45,000 new telephone connections have been provided since the new telephone scheme for Rs.1500/- was introduced in Delhi.

(b&c) Yes, Sir. The Chief General Managers of all the Telecom Circles have been authorised to fix flexible registration charges on special occasions such as festivals etc.. The scheme has been operative in Andaman & Nicobar, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Karnataka, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, U.P(East), West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh Telecom Circles and Calcutta Telephones, etc. from time to time
(d) Sir, the registrations made under the scheme are being cleared and telephones are provided progressively.
(e) No extra registration fee is charged. In the first bill, apart from call charges, rental, installation fee and one year advance rental is charged after adjusting registration fee already paid by the subscriber.
(f to i) Does not arise in view of (e) above.